

Longfellow PTO Meeting
Tuesday, February 5th, 2008

In Attendance: Jen Tabb, Sarah Maloney, Linda Gervais, Jen Judd-McGee, Paula Henkle, Anthony Troxel, Allison Troxel, Karen Koppen, Meg Handlin, Barbara Ardito, Jessica Kelley, Terri Linnehan, Courtney Graffius, Marge Queen, Michele Lawless, Katherine Dow, Brenda Brush, Barbara Stoddard, John Thurston, Claire Hannon, Mary Anne Butts, Dawn Carrigan, Dawn Girsch, Helen Pelletier, Chris Bearce, Jonathan Nolan, Jen Sanbro

1. Mission Statement & Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report , Barb Stoddard (See Attached). We received a \$1000 cash donation from a grandparent this week. There is also a bank account adjustment of \$100 from the old account and a few old checks that were outstanding. We've paid out a few things for cultural enrichment and social working for the school.
3. Committee Updates (Many are written on the back of the agenda, see attached).
4. Real Life, Real Talk, Jen: We've been contacted to see if we'd like to have a free workshop on early internet safety, tentatively set for March 25th at 7pm. The PTO will have a baby-sitter set up. If people have specific issues you'd like them to address, e-mail Jen and she will make sure they get them. Also, David Walsh from MediaWise, will be talking next Tuesday night at 7pm at Deering High School. He talks about the adolescent brain, decision making, impulse control, etc.
5. Dawn & Jonathan: There are a few things she wants to talk about. First, Power School, the new computer software for student data & assessment is becoming public for parents to access. We've been thinking about how to open this up to parents as we still learn to use it ourselves. We can see attendance and see progress from year to year, including MEA results. Parents will get passwords to access the system during parent conferences. We will also have nights scheduled to address questions about the program and how to use it. Also, we are in a budget freeze and it will probably last until the end of the year. The city budget still has major shortfalls. Each school was required to give up an ed tech, and we as a result lost Michele Lawless. New School to be built on the Baxter site: (Ocean Ave. School): Monday, March 3rd caucus to support the new school. Dawn is urging us to rally support around this. Even if this vote doesn't pass, Nathan Clifford will close. If the new school is not built, the community will be split up. Dawn has assurances that if the new school is built, the Nathan Clifford community will remain intact. The new school will be focused on professional development and house some of the more intensive special education programs. Rally takes place at the East End Community School Monday March 3rd 6:30-7:30pm.
6. Agenda Development:
7. Parking Lot

Sarah - Auction Overview: Auction theme is "Garden Party" – we will be at the Woodfords Club with beer and wine. We have an emcee and auctioneer booked. The auction both raises money and strengthens our community. We'll be breaking down into groups. Sarah urges everyone to think about recruiting new parents into this community, we need new fresh faces!

(Breaking into Auction Committees)

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Rooks
PTO Secretary